

HAFRE THORS

The New Jersey Hard Times Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals involved in organizing projects in local communities and work-places. The current economic and political crisis burts us all; there are more and more layoffe, rising prices, and drastic cubbacks in education, daycare, healthcare, welfare and foodstamps. Housing continues to be a profile.

Working people throughout New Jersey are struggling to survive under these conditions. Much important and concrete work is being done in local communities. There must be no illusions that people are satisfied or too cynical to struggle for jobs and services. But we believe that these local efforts CANNOT BE DONE IN ISOLATION, that they must link together in the common struggle for social change. The housing movement, the labor movement, the tights for better schools and other services-all these must speak with a common voice and support each other.

There comes a time when we must no longer be separate, when the struggles in the community and the struggles in the workplace must unite. It is the sames forces that oppress us in the community and on the job; the small group of people who dominate our society are the same ones that use racism and sexism as tools to keep us divided, who raise our taxes and who profit from our labor and our unemployment, who demy our children a decent education and all of us decent health care. This economic and political system neonle.

PROGRAM OF N.J. HARD TIMES:

1. We support all workers' struggles:

for a decent living wage; for jobs for all who are able to work; for improved working conditions especially in health and safety; for rank and file control of labor unions; for the right of the unorganized to organize.

2. We support black and third world people:

in their fight against racism on the job and in the community, and in their struggle for self-determination when it does not lead to joining the oppressive system, but leads to unification of workers as a whole. Racism is used to divide people, making them forget the real oppressor.

3. We support the rights of women:

for equal pay and sgainst sexist attitudes and conditions in the community, the home, and particularly on the job where sexism divides workers. We support all women's struggles which go beyond demands for an equal share in an oppressive system to a unified fight with all workers against that system.

4. We support all community struggles:

for an end to police brutality; for decent housing at a reasonable price; for free quality health care end free universal daycare; for a decent education; for a decent income; for facilities and services for senior citizens. All of these social services must be run and controlled by the community where they are located. Money for social programs should come from the military budget and rich, multinational corporations.

We support all struggles for self-determination for all nations and peoples such as Puerto Rico, South Africa and Native America.

1974 - NIXON + THE OIL COMPANIES

1977- FORD + CARTER + GAS COMPANIES

During the "Natural Gas Shortage" Newark, like all procominately Black, Latin and poor working communities, is now feeling it the worst. With cold apartments and higher unemployment. In support of the gas companies,

Freedent Carter and Sovernor Byrne have declared a state of emergency, and ordered all thermostats to be set at 65 degreen maximum during the day and at 55 or lower at night to invade peoples homes under the guise of

energy saving. What does 65 degrees mean? To

begin with, the majority of housing in Newark is at least 30 years old. With no storm windows, poor insulation and furnaces that often don't work even in the mildest of winters. the true temperature might be anywhere from 55 to 62 degrees at best. It will be our babies catching colds and dving from pneumonia and frost bite. It is our grandparents who are chut in because disabilities and physical handicaps and fear prevent . them from going out; who are now freezing to death in the ice boxes where they live. Already there have been two deaths reported of older people who have frozen to death in their apartments. While the Federal, State and City buildings have temperatures as high as 90 degrees and the employees have to open the window to cool off.

With unemployment in Newark already around 43%, it will now go much higher with the new round of layoffs attributed to the gas shortage.

The auto industry has already closed down, laying off about 12,000 workers, 3,000 of them living in the Essex County area and 1,000 living in Newark. These layoffs will force layoffs in other industries that are supportive of auto (e.g. steel, glass, rubber. etc.) and this trend will have the same effect as the '74 Oil crisis. Where many of those who were laid off were Black, Latin and women, the last hired and first fired, many will never be called back. So not only does the crisis help to increase prices, but it also helps to remove the most appressed from the work force and make room for white males.

Gov. Syrne Has also decreed that, under the energency War Time Fowers Act, police now have the right to enter homes to make sure that the tocmostate are set at 55. Knowing the nature of the police and the interests they find the set of the police and the interest of the police and the interest of the police and the interest are set of the police are set of the police and the interest purpose. While the elected officials are warm and cosy in their 75 to 80 degree nomes.

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Crisis breeds fear and anger

For many New Jerseyans this is a winter of cynical

discontent.

Some of them think the natural gas cross has been created by producers to artificially stimulate prices: others believe the shortage is a result of mismanagement by envernment and industry

But whatever their opinions Carden State rom. docts are perplexed and angered by yet another threat

to their bealth, safety and comfort. "I don't think there is any such thing as a natural gas shortage," a Plainfield resident said. "We had a gasoline 'shortage' not so long ago, that cleared up

pretty fast once prices were raised Lee Kane of North Brunswick thinks the shortage has been caused by "a combination of cold weather and bed management. If you have something the people really need you can take advantage." Kane said. "But it's the government who gives permission for them to raise prices so if they do, it's the government that is

ripping us off. "We've had a severe winter and our supplies are running low because of it." said Joseph Keehn of Somerville. "We just have to keep the thermostats low

and hope for the best." "Companies are over-using gas and private homeowners are over-using it." said Lynn Roff of Springfield.

An elderly Somerville resident was particularly worried about the situation. "I'm aid and I cap't set around," she said, "My house is onen and it gets meetly drafty. I have one room closed off to save on heat. It could be a scheme to raise prices. People will do anything for more money:

Ariene Conner of Woodbridge is one of the many persons who recalled the gasoline shortage of 1974 "They said there was no gasoline, yet when the prices went so there suddenly was plenty. It's the same story with natural gas

"Everybody today is out to rio the consumer off." said a Colts Neck resident. "Just lank at food prices. Phillip Hammond of North Brutswick and Jerry Max of Ocean Township agreed that industry and goverriment mismanagement was at the root of the prob-

"Our administrators did not anticipate this." Hammond said. "Somewhere along the line there has been mismanagement." Max added. "I think there is plents. of gas and this is all a houx.

Freeze didn't hurt the big retailers

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation's major retailers recorded better than expected results last month, despite cold weather which slowed sales during January's last

Sales increases over last year ran as high as 20.7 per cent at S.S. Kresse Co. the nation's leading discount chain

But "the fourth week was week because of two days of really his storms in the East. and Midwest." said one Wall Street analyst. "The impact of the cold weather will really be felt in the February figures Sears Roebuck & Co. which reported a 14 per cent

increase for the four weeks ending Jan 29, said sales would have increased another 1.4 per cent if the final week's weather had not been an se-Other stores such at F.W. Woolworth Co., whose sales month ended Jan. 25, noted the

late January storms occurred

after the January records culall and would be reflected in next month's lotal "Sales increases were

made in most merchandise lines, highlighted by energyrelated items such as heating stoses and electric blankels. heavy wearing apparel, auto hatteries and tires, and hy durable goods, including TV sets, citizens band radios, washers and dryers," said a Montgomery Ward spokes-

Store sales for the four weeks ended Jan. 29 included: Sears. Roebuck, up 14 per cent to \$1.07 billion: J.C. Permey Co., up 9.4 per cent to \$491 miltion: Montgomery Ward, division of Mohit Corp., up 14 2 per cent to \$345 million: May Co. up 5.6 per cent to \$116.6 million, and Caldor Inc., up. 4 per cent to \$16.9 million

Store sales for the four weeks ended Jan. 25 included Kresge, up 29.7 per cent to \$482 million, and Woolworth, up 16.5 per cent to \$278.4 million

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Over two years ago SHELTERFORCE was just an idea in the minds of a few community organizers who felt there was a need for a national network to bring together activists doing similar work. That network took the form of a newspaper with national circulation which would report the activitles of local organizations, analyze significant issues and events, and aid in the development of strategies and tactics for the housing movement. PLEASE SUBSCRIBE and/or DONATE Individual-33 Law office-\$5

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NEIGHBORHOODS

About 100 people from various community organizations met for a Community Droganizing Conference held February 26 at ITI-City Peoples Union for Progress. Community organizers from the areas of tenant rights, daycare, youth groups, health care, nutrition, orlander rights, block associations and others were represented.

The conference began with an information sharing seasion, at which participants explained the activities of their groups, and the issues and oroblems which concerned them. Afterwards, the group heard a talk by Milton Kotler, director of the National Association of the market of the Control of the National Association of the market of the Control of

The group voted to create the New Jersey Neighborhood Association, the first state organization of its kind in the country, because people felt strongly that they must fight for neighborhood survival by joining together to exert pressure and get action on their demands. A compared to the country of the co

Meanwhile, the National Association of Neighborhoods (NAN) is holding its 5th national meeting in Pittsburgh on Anfil 22, 23 and 24. A fee of \$35.00 covers housing, food and registration.

After lunch, becole were given a chance to tour Amity Village, the Co-operative housing rehabed by Tri-City Peoples Union for Progress. Tri-City was an aporporlate place to hold a meeting on meighborhood organization and the effects. In addition to its co-operative housing the control of the co-operative housing the control of the con

For additional information on the New Jersey Neighborhood Association or the national conference, call Bill Watson at 673-0618.

PARENTS WIN!

Tuesay, March 8, Ironbound Community School, a parent controlled school in Newarks East Ward, learned that the Newark Board of Education was planning to transfer its five teacher aides. The next working over thirty parents took off from work to confront Stanley Taylor, the Executive Superintendent of Schools. The parents had one demand: none of their five aides was to be transferred. After three hours The Ironbound parents got Stanley layor to agree to find the money for their aides. Thursday morning, March 1, see Iron to a control of the control of the money for their aides. Thursday morning, March 1, see Iron the Source announced that the money was

This was the latest in a series of Board Layoffs. 190 teachers and 145 crossing gaurds were also laid off March 8.

Ironbound Community School was started in 1971 by a group of parents to give their children the kind of learning experience they wanted them to have - the best. In 1973, the parents signed a contract with the Newark Board of Education for funding. Their reasons for this were 1) to insure the friancial stability of the profits in the parents with the following the following the stability of the profit of the form of the stability of the profit of the form of the stability of the stability of the profit of the form the stability of the stability of the stability what their tax dollars were paying for - an education for their children.

The Ironbound Community School is an onen classroom school for 100 children. Its aldes are parents of children in the school, and all of them function as teachers in the open classrooms, sharing complete teaching resonability inside the classroom. By having two teachers for every 25 children, the school is able to individent of the children, the school is able to individe the children, the school is able to individe the children is aldes would have cut the school's teaching staff in half and destroyed the learning concepts of the school.

In successfully fighting for their school, the parents were reminded of the importance of collective action. Together they kept their school open. Many parents left Taylor's office yowing to join parents from across the city at the Bose of the collective action of the collective the collective that there are no more layoffs. They are tired of reacting to Board created crisis and ready to join together to act.

The African People's Party of Philadelphia has been raided by the FRI and the Philadelphia palice three or four times in the last two months times country to the most recent of these raids the M. The PRI, the District Attorney of Philadelphia and Compressess Peter Rodino

> "We are outraged at the illegal raids on the African People's Party office, these raids are clearly a violation of constitutional rights and must cease. All trumped up charges against M. Adil and W. Lott must be dropped."

> > -- N.J. Hard Times Coalition

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THA DEMANDS STRONGER TENANT LAWS

- On February 14, 1977, over 300 people from the East Orange Temants Association mut the East Orange City Council on their Valentine's Day list and denamied that new pro-temant ordinances and amendments to the rent control law be enacted in the city. Since September 1976, the City Council has held BOTA's demands and they have taken no positive action toward enacting them into law. These demands are as follows:
- 1. Hent decrease if services decrease. Temants should be allowed to appear before the East Orange Rent Leveling Board to ask to have their rent decreased if the landlord refuses to maintain services as they were when the tenant first moved into the building or since a new landlord has bought the building.
- 2. 24 hours of heat. At the present time in East Orange the landlord legally only has to heat an apartment building from 6:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. During the might the landlord can shut of the boiler and allow the temperature to drop. It is unreasonable to expect infants, sick people and the elderly to suffer under these conditions.
- 3. Emergency Repair Law/Landlord Security Deoposit. This law would require landlords to deposit money into the city to be used in emergency situations where the landlord has refused to fix or abate the hazardous condition.
- A. Elimination of the tax surcharge. Landlords are allowed to take off property texes from their federal income tax but when property taxes increase it is passed along to the tenant who cannot take it off their taxes. This must stop.
- 5. No increase for one year in buildings where landlords do not commly with "Landlord Rent and Identification Registration." This law requires the landlord to give information on all rents and ownership to city for hearing and for tement inquiries.
- 6. Reduce rent control in East Orange from 6% to 1%.

Last year HOTA confronted the City Council and won many important pro-tenant demands. BOTA is expecting the same this year. Tenants and tenant leaders from around the city were notified of this important confrontation. As soon as these demands are scheduled for the agenda of another council meeting, EOTA will again be ready to continue this confrontation.

P.R.P.A.

People for Radical Political Action



Formle for Radical Political Action (PEPA) began a few parts ago at Emclair State Gollage. How PEPA at publication of Collage. How PEPA at publication and the consistent of the Pera at publication of the Pera at publication of the Pera at publication and the consistent of the Pera at publication and the Pera at Pera

Since we have been involved in the Nul-Hard fixes Coalition from the outset and are now involved as well in the Nul-July 4th Collition, there are sampy opportunities for work in addition to what we do in these for work in addition to what we do in these in the production and distribution of Thool, the written wice of the international capacity for the release of Indonesian political prisoners. As always, we are authors both mamber of anti-inperfials recently sponsored two educational nights at Montlair State College where two speakors (Ohllean refugees) and films were presented examining the current brutai repression of the Chilean people, we also hold warious fundraisers during the year and tops to have a St. Fatfick's warps specifie in Narch.

All in all, we are continuing to learn and grow with each other. It is so much easier to struggle and change together. Our most recent needings have been open to new ideas and new people. If you sould like to hear more about us and the things we are doing, please write to this address:

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Indians win point

WASHINGTON (UPI)
The government backs
Indian claims to half the
state of Malon, but wants
legal action delayed in the
4-year-old case until the
Carter administration
takes over, as Interior Department spokesman saidvesterdays.

The Interior Department, under court order to take a position in the land-case, has recovered the Justice Department support Indian claims on up to 10.5 million acres of Maine, he said.

The department, in a draft report to the Justice-bepartment, concluded the claims were "backed up" with substantial evidence." Interior spokesman Vincent Loyett said, a

"In effect, we've said to the court, 'Hold 'off for a month and a half so that we can wait, until the transition is completed and until the new administration comes in so they can do what they think," he

said.
U.S. District Gourt,
Judge Edward T. Gignoux,
sitting at Portland, Maine,
plans to act Wicks, two
works on the Judge Department request for a sixweek delay.



"Trouble with you people is you never knew how to use the land,"



HOW THE AMERICAN DOLLAR The Auto Industry-Ford. Chrysler and GM

Unnoticed by many people in this country is the monetary support this government is giving the South African regime. In return, the South African covernment uses this support to continue the oppression of its Black inhabitants and its "coloreds" (mixed races, asians, etc.).

Phrough U.S. corporation's investments, bank leans (e.g. Chase Manhattan, Citibank) and sales of defense equipment, the U.S. government and businesses

are helping prop up the racist apartheid system.

Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, the big 3, have a combined investment of \$250 million in South Africa. The Black auto workers there carns between 51 and 84 cents on hour (way below South African bottom poverty line), while the white auto workers make up to five times that amount. Black South Africans will never buy one of the 100,000 cars they build each year,

The main attraction, of course is the near slavery wages that are paid to the black and colored workers. This is again proof of the American's callous attitude towards the black workers, while it supports the racist regime. The apartheid system is the essential part of the South African

economy and is therefore essential to American imperialist control of the southern half of Africa.

What happens in South Africa will be directly affected by what happens around the world. The South African government is a magnification of the ''noney'' system that controls this country. Amovement can be built here among auto workers and buyers demanding an end to the big 3 investment in South Africa. Our struggle to force American imperialism out of South Africa will weaken the apartheid state and help our brothers and sisters to win their struccle.

THE RIG THREE AT A GLANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

General Motors

Total Investment: \$125 million Employment: 4,000 Blacks Plants: Three major assembly plants in Port Flizabeth

· Ford Total Investment: \$70 million

Employment: 3,500 Blacks Plants: An assembly and engine plant located in Port Elizabeth.

Total Investment: \$70 million Employment: 3,000 Blacks Plants: \$35 million Chrysler Park, near Pretoria,

is the largest outlay in the history of the South African auto industry,

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A Sowetto Student

UNITED BLACK WORKERS



Look like Detroit? Black workers leave plant in South Africa.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, OFFICIALS PROTEST

From the Hewark Star-Ledger, 2/19/77

College funding plan denounced

By ARTHUR K. LENEHAN

A proposal for basic changes is the state is melbod of furnicing higher education war vanity denotined in Newspri waterita; by an almost unantmost throng of attalents, teachers, and administrations from the state a public oil egen and grann Radgers, the State University.

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What is the future of our education? Well, the New Jersey State Commission on Higher Education has had some interesting ideas and speculations of its own.

The route Commission has proposed a plan known as the Rober Report. This is basically an ideology in itself. It is a distinct attack on education, especially for our state-supported colleges. The foundational presses of the report is an aim to bransform New Jersey's State than a similar sing such departments as political science, sociology, and the humanities. These would not be needed as they do not really train students, but instead they develop that capacity but instead they develop that capacity.

to think. To give a greater clarity as to what the Booher Report actually intends; note who supports it. James Coleman, a wellrespected and famed sociologist, wrote a book called the Plack Batropolis. This supposedly objective walking blatently states that the problem with rebellion in the ghetto and student radicals is simply that there is too much education available against the system. He proclaimed that universities and colleges were breeding grounds for revolutionsries. Coleman feels that higher education, if attacked from an an an a standpoint, would reduce the rant. - on coused by subversives. It is care and not ironic to see minds such as Coleman's supporting the Booher Report.

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This yx of policy reinforces the basic featuring contractations inhere: in the capitalistic system. Haking colleges career-oriented and functional increases competition and gives students little time to concern themselves with the society they are being trained to adassnilly support as the best of all possible worlds.

The Booker Beport is just another indication of the mockery of representation that is our government. Nad. is the 4th richest state in the nation and yst is rated 4/9th in schmation. The Booker report is all the state feels fit to offer. Tou can draw your own conclusions as to May. Since the Booker Report was re-

leased a few weeks ago, a great deal. of new information about it has become known. Here is a brief update: ... The report suggests that the shift of funding of colleges be from the state institutions to the individual, this being done by a voucher avatem in which a grant could be applied to any N.J. college. This plan would greatly help the private colleges while hurting the state schools, More students, given the choice, would attend the private colleges. This could mean the loss attendance, the loss of humanities depart with, etc. and the eventual retool is if the colleges into technicel or a t d institutions and the chal te of faculty terure on economic groupts.

(This symiche is from SMC Notes of William Fatterson College.)

W.P.C. WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

The Women's Collective of William Patterson College participated in a series of counter Right-To-Life* demonstrations in front of an Abortion

Clinic in Wayne, N.J.

The anti-aborticoists began their attack before the clinic opened in October. According to a Collective member, their chief concern was that such a facility was not needed in Wayne, "They wouldn't have been doing this if the clinic was in Patersons," A pamyllet handed out to pationts leaving the brilling, entitled "Diany of a Feture," states;

"I have blonde hair and blue eyes." The Right-to-Lifers tried to turn patients away and tormented women who were coming or going with pazphlets which supposedly spoke up for fetuses by asying: "I love my momany

and daddy...Today my sommy killed me."
The Collective's goal was to give support to the women and demonstrate opposition to attacks on abortion.
For a few weeks each group brought

about 30-40 people.

CONFRONT TON OCCURS

The S ment Mobilisation Committee of Paterson College also joined the protests and the anti-abortionists were joined by an American Legion contingent. After a confrontation, clinic officials and supporters decided to stop the counter-demonstrations. This move tended to dwindle the anti-abortionists judget line to about 5.

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hal ing with act vities of the Colle ctive should call 279-5856 or 783-5985.

N.J. SME, a pace and human rights organi attom, is currently promoting Operation Transfer, a national effort to alsh millitary specific and first for the billions of dollars saved to domestic meets programs, arrunding with earth bouring, environmental cleaning, aid to cities, schools and without discrete conjugations. Resolutions in support of Operation Transfer are bits paths of troe human needs organizations, Freebolders boards, town counting clargy, and where.

SANC is also working for disarmament and elumination of muclear weapons, universal amnesty, and recognition of the new government in Vietnam. SANE is located at 324 Bloomfield Avenue, Montelair. Phone: 744-7265.

B-1 BOMBER VIGIL

IN JERSEY CITY

On Saturday, January 22, Hadson County residents participated in the national day of demonstrations to stop the B-1 bomber, with a five hour vigil in Jersey "ity's Journal

Square.

This was one of over 100 locally organized actions across the U.S., under the sponsorably of Clargy and Latiy Concerned, Jaerican Friends Service Committee, and about 10 meteorematical complete members and Mar Jouanness Union, the Textile Norwest Long Private of the Earth, A' "1", United Mine Workers, Monthly University University Committee, SAME, Pallowship Str be for Peoce, SAME, Pallowship

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We sot up a table, wore "sandwich signs" which were addressed to both the pedestrians and people in care, loadletted, and got over 200 signatures in petitions that will go to the Corpressional representatives and President Carter.

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VICIL WELL RETRIVED

We were surprised by the response, which was quite good. There was a lot of communications on the issue, good visibility, kinclinds local newsper coverage, and those of the passimary who weren't disinterested (the disinterested are a relatively stable factor no natter what issue we try to bring attention to) were for the most part in agreement that allitary spend.

ing has got to be decreased and the B-1 bomber should be opposed.

There was a firm sense of purpose (of maybe "having an affect") in being part of the larger national vigil. We established good contact beforehand with AFSC and received resources and support from them. We resisted an initial temptation by some to simply join the nearby New York City demos, leaving our own community behind. Many of us concur in the realization of the need for local. non-centralized activism. In fact, some of the participants who met each other for the first time linked up on plans to work on establishing a food cooperative in Jersey City, which now has none. Local work is always more affirming and optimistic when it is understood as part of a "movement" happening in many places across the country.

ORGANIZING FOR THE FUTURE

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Some of us seem to be seeking, others amaiting, the common ground for a local spenal change movement. -David Shapiro, Jersey City

Please don't buy J.P. STEVENS PRODUCTS

RECAUSE I P Stevens is the nation's most arrogant corporate law-breaker. It has been found guilty of tax evasion, discriminatory employment practices, the firing and threatening of pro-union employees and the coercion of employees through interrogation. Working conditions in Stevens plants are almost unbelievable in this day and age. Thousands of workers in textile milfs have been disabled by the dread disease, byssinosis (brown lung) caused by cotton dust levels almost three times as high as national minimum health standards allow...while wages in Stevens plants average 31% below the average national factory wage.

J. P. Stevens has been found quilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act fifteen times since 1963, more than any company in American history. The majority of the convictions involved multiple violations, It is a company that turns whites and blacks against each other to foment hatred to keep the workers divided.

In spite of the Stevens' reign of terror, workers at J. P. Stevens plants in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, voted in August 1974 to be represented by the union. But the company still resists.

Its long history of lawlessness, its callousness to the rights and needs of its employees, and the inability of the National Labor Relations Board to compel enforcement make it necessary to convince J. P. Stevens management that American consumers will not condone corporate law breaking designed to deprive thousands of Americans of social justice and economic opportunity.

We, and the entire American labor movement call on you, the American consumer, to stop buying J. P. Stevens products! You'll find them hiding

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HERE'S WHAT LP STEVENS WORKERS SAY! HELP THEM WIN THEIR FIGHT!



Thomas Malone, retired Stevens employee After 37 years of loyal and faithful service, I have a plaque, \$1,360 and brown lung."



Addle Jackson, Statesboro, Georgia "At J. P. Stevens, before we started organizing, it wasn't too much different than slavery. No lunch hour, Just eat your sandwich while running your machines, I thought that was the most terrible thing I ever heard of. And then Stevens closes the plant. They



Maurine Hedgepeth, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina "I testified on behalf of other workers he-

fore the NLRB in September, 1964. Two weeks after that I went on pregnancy leave. I was supposed to go back to work in January 1965. When I went back to get my job they

told me there were no jobs available. And they'd fired my husband the day before Christmas, after twenty five years as a loom fixer. A new hahy and neither of us had a job. The Stevens Company made it real clear that they didn't like me telling the truth to the Labor Board."

James Boone, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

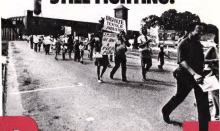








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Investigations which show gas and oil companies who withheld gas and oil supplies during the "shortage", fuel adjustment' clauses where additional fuel costs are tacked on to the consument's bill without public hearings to determine if those increases are Justified, low gas and electricity rates for large corporations and high rates for individuals - all while the Star Ledger headlines increasing profits for gas and oil companies - these are issues people want to talk about now, not met the speak-out as still to be decided and will be announced through the media and by leafletting.

The recent meeting was called by the New Jersey July & Coalition and held at the Newark fernants Organization office. Grganizations represented include: Newark Tenanta, New Jersey Citizens Actions Billance, Patterson State Student Mobilization Committee, People for Redical Politicans, Usard Times Coalition, Saltonic Committee, People for Redical Politicans, Ward Times Coalition, Saltonic Mobilization Committee, People for Redical Politicans, Ward Times Coalition, Saltonic Mobilization (New Brunswick), and New Jersey SANE.

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